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SUBJECT: OPINION POLLS ON EEC

1. RESULTS OF LATEST ORC POLL, CONDUCTED APRIL 15-20
AN.IPUBLISHED IN THE EVENING STANDARD ON APRIL 25, SHOW:

2. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THERE WILL BE A NATIONAL
REFERENDUM ON BRITAIN'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMON MARKET
IN JUNE. IF THE REFERENDUM WERE HELD TODAY, HOW WOULD
YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION ON THIS CARD: "DO YOU THINK
THE UNITED KINGDOM SHOULD STAY IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
YES, 56 PERCENT; NO, 28; DON'T KNOW, L6.

3. HOW STRONGLY DO YOU FEEL THAT BRITAIN SHOULD STAY IN
LEAVE THE COMMON MARKET? STAY IN - VERY STRONGLY, 40
PERCENT; FAIRLY STRONGLY, 40; NOT VERY STRONGLY, 17;
DON'T KNOW, 3. LEAVE - VERY STRONGLY, 49 PERCENT;
FAIRLY STRONGLY, 32, NOT VERY STRONGLY, 17; DON'T KNOW,
2.

4. FIFTY-NINE PERCENT SAY THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN
TO VOTE IN THE REFERENDUM, A DROP OF TWO PERCENT SINCE
EARLY APRIL, WHILE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS WHO
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FEEL THE ISSUE MATTERS A GREAT DEAL CONTINUES TO REMAIN

STABLE AT 57 PERCENT.

5. A GALLUP POLL, CONDUCTED APRIL 17-21 AND PUBLISHED
IN THE DAILY TELEGRAPH ON APRIL 24, SHOWS:

6. IF THE QUESTION IN THE REFERENDUM WERE
"DO YOU THINK THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM SHOULD STAY IN THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (THE COMMON MARKET)" -- HOW WOULD
YOU VOTE? STAY IN, 57 PERCENT; LEAVE, 28; DON'T KNOW,
15.

7. HOW INTERESTED ARE YOU IN WHETHER WE STAY IN OR LEAVE
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY? VERY INTERESTED, 39 PERCENT;
MODERATELY INTERESTED, 35; ONLY A LITTLE, 26.

8. HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT YOU WILL GO AND VOTE IN THE
REFERENDUM ON THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY? DEFINITELY WILL
VOTE, 57 PERCENT; PROBABLY WILL, 19; MAY VOTE, 9;
PROBABLY WON'T, 5; DEFINITELY WON'T, 4; DON'T KNOW, 6.

9. DAILY EXPRESS OF MAY 1 CARRIES FINDINGS OF AN EARLIER
HARRIS POLL, CONDUCTED MARCH 12-APRIL 6, ASKING DO YOU
THINK WE SHOULD STAY IN THE COMMON MARKET OR NOT? SHOULD
STAY IN, 55 PERCENT; SHOULD NOT STAY IN, 27; DON'T
KNOW, 18.

10. COPIES OF ALL THREE ARTICLES, WITH DETAILS AND BREAKS
AIRMAILED MAY 2.

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